

NPU-B Monthly Full Board Meeting Minutes

April 2026

Date: April 7, 2026

Time: 7:05 PM

Location: Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Nancy Bliwise, Chair.

Attendance: 18 members present; 3 proxies (*additional members joined after the meeting was called to order*)

Officers Present: Nancy Bliwise, Kim Shorter, Shawn Perez, Robert Patterson, Keith Biggs

1. OPENING REMARKS / CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

The Chair welcomed attendees and inquired about elected officials and members of the press.

- Press: None present
- Elected Officials / Representatives Present: None present

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Motion to approve the March 2026 minutes made by Kim Shorter, seconded by Tamara Flanagan

- Motion Passed

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

• Action: Motion to amend the agenda to remove V-25-250 zoning application made by Bob Connelly, seconded by Kim Shorter

- Motion Passed

4. REPORTS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES, ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND OTHERS

Atlanta Police Department (APD)

Captain Kevin Knap, Zone 2 Commander, reported:

- Crime is down citywide (Week 14) by 10%; Zone 2 down 27% over 7 days and down 16% YTD compared to 2025
- Key drivers: stolen vehicles (+43%), theft from auto (+47%), aggravated assault (-31%), property crimes (-24%), crimes against persons (+22%), shoplifting up
- Businesses advised to secure outdoor items; package theft is increasing
- See Something, Say Something – Call 911 (emergency) or 311 (non-emergency)

Community Questions:

- Piedmont Park gatherings – APD monitors and does not approve unvetted events that may negatively impact the community
- Uber driver parking continues to be an issue

Repeat Offender Unit

- No report

Atlanta Fire and Rescue

Captain Levell Mahone reported:

- April focus: distracted driving, National Public Health Week, stress awareness, spring safety tips
- Station 27 (Mt. Paran/Northside) tree removal scheduled for 4/8
- Fire prevention reminders:
 - Check smoke detectors monthly
 - Practice grill safety
 - Schedule home fire inspections
 - Conduct bi-annual fire hydrant checks
 - Maintain proper indoor and outdoor lighting
- Emergency response guidance:
 - Move to the right of way for emergency vehicles
 - Follow Georgia Move Over Law
- Early stroke response (Golden Hour) emphasized
- Health and wellness:
 - Stay hydrated (watch for symptoms such as dizziness, nausea, dry mouth)
 - Maintain updated medical information
 - Focus on sleep, exercise, and checking on others

Solicitor's Office

Hala Carey reported:

- Upcoming events:
 - Public Safety Event – May 8 (Lakewood Church of Hope)
 - Career & Resource Fair – April 23 (T. Martin Rec Center, 10 AM–2 PM)
 - Mayor's Second Chance Summit – April 25 (APS Student & Family Resource Hub)
 - Earth Day event with NPU-P

Demetrius Myatt (Court Program Community Admin):

- Provided updates on warrants and first offender programs (county level)
- Information added to directory

Office of the Inspector General

LaDawn Blackett, Interim Inspector:

- Investigates fraud, waste, abuse, and corruption
- Reports can be made via phone, website (www.atloig.org), or in person

Questions:

- How to report concerns
- Difference between corruption and incompetence (intent defines fraud/corruption)

Additional Departments

- MARTA Police – No report
- Department of Watershed Management – No report

Parks and Recreation

Destiny Mays reported (dmays@atlanta.gov):

- Easter egg hunt at PH Hills had 100 participants
- Summer camp registration open (CBF)
- Youth sports registration open: baseball, T-ball, softball, flag football

Code Enforcement

Officer Bridgers reported:

- 65 cases this month; notices issued

Questions:

- Burn house (1116 Roxboro/Towerview – EnRem) – status inquiry
- Open cases include: 55 Pharr, 711 Cosmopolitan, 397 Lindbergh, 355 Piedmont, 3737 Ivy, 3410 Alexander, 2900 Pharr Court South
- No violations: 3004 Piedmont, 696 Longleaf, 333 W. Wieuca

Department of Transportation

- No report

Question:

- Wieuca traffic circle – study requested (completion expected end of April)

Public Works / Solid Waste

- No report

ATL311

Sade Stokes-Campbell reported:

- Hours: 7 AM–12 AM (M–F)
- Provides updates via email, including case closure notes from departments
- Residents encouraged to follow up directly if issues remain unresolved
- Atlanta area code required for contact
- Mobile app recommended for faster service

Question:

- Noise complaints near MARTA – contact MARTA customer service (not ATL311)
- Yard trimming one-pager still in development

Livable Buckhead / Buckhead Coalition

Denise Starling reported:

- Buckhead Walks (April 1–30)
- Peddles & Paths North Buckhead (April 18)

5. COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

- No report

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Public Safety Committee

Chair: Tamara Flanagan

Alcohol License Applications:

- Hilton Garden Inn Atlanta Buckhead – Change of Ownership – Approved 6-0-2
 - Chervon Buckhead – New Business – Approved 6-0-0
 - Bertolozzi’s Pizzeria – New Business – Approved 10-0-0
 - SpringHill Suites Atlanta Buckhead (Hotel) – Change of Ownership – Approved 9-0-1
 - SpringHill Suites Atlanta Buckhead (Market) – Change of Ownership – Approved 9-0-1
 - Bao Gogo – New Business – Approved 10-0-0
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- Motion to approve consent agenda made by Keith Biggs, seconded by Denise Starling
 - Vote: Approved 22-0-1

Non-Consent Agenda:

- Oasis Garden – New Business
 - Motion to deny by Kim Shorter, seconded by Bob Connelly
 - Vote: Denied 22-0-0
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- Muse Restaurant – Change of Agent – No Show

B. Development & Transportation

- Z-22-20 – BeltLine overlay regulation update prohibiting self-storage facilities
- Existing facilities grandfathered
- Motion to approve made by Jason Kendall, seconded by Kim Shorter
- Vote: Approved 22-0-0

C. Zoning Committee

Chair: Kim Shorter

BZA:

- V-25-257 – 214 Alberta Dr NE – Deferred 8-0-0

Consent Agenda:

- Motion made by Bill Murray, seconded by Mary Heather Tatum
- Vote: Approved 22-0-0

7. APAB REPORT

Nancy Bliwise reported:

- Voting report to be circulated
- ATL 2.0 response in progress (comments due April 8)

8. PLANNER’S REPORT

Interim Planner Nate Hoelzel reported:

- Efforts ongoing to secure a permanent planner
- Book Club: *Urban Forest* (April)
- Atlanta Prison Farm meeting (April 18, 8 AM–2 PM)
- Public Spaces website update expected end of month
- Urban Design Commission awards (May 15, City Hall)

Question:

- Virtual option for meetings – none currently; in-person only

9. MATTERS FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT

- SD-26-05 – 2829 Roxboro Rd NE
- Comments noted: insufficient information provided
- Additional comments to be submitted to Nancy or Kim

Special Applications:

- DPR FIFA World Cup Watch Party – Atlanta Memorial Park (June 20, 2026)
- Load-in at 2 PM; 2-hour event; immediate load-out
- Motion to approve by Bill Murray, seconded by Kim Shorter
- Vote: Approved 21-0-0

No Shows:

- Golf Chastain (July 27, 2026)
- Chastain Park Auto Show (August 16, 2026)
- Chastain Park Fall Arts Festival (November 7–8, 2026)
- Buckhead Arts Festival (September 19–20, 2026)
- Buckhead Handmade Holiday Market (December 5–6, 2026)

10. PRESENTATIONS

Peachtree Park Neighborhood Plan (Informational)

Presented by Nate Hoelzel, Aron Fortner, Stephen Pracht:

- Ordinance submitted to City for public hearing
- Funding approved by Councilmember Howard Shook
- Plan developed with Canvas Planning and Peachtree Park Civic Association
- Seeking NPU-B support

Questions included:

- Pedestrian crosswalk improvements (HAWK signals)
- Delivery and parking logistics
- Funding sources for enhancements
- Scope of NPU-B vote
- Public engagement process (noted limited in-person attendance but multiple outreach efforts)

11. OLD BUSINESS

- Robert Patterson reminded members that NPU-B dues (\$60) are due; only a few remain unpaid

12. NEW BUSINESS

- Next NPU-B meeting: May 5 at 7:00 PM
- BZA/ZRB meeting: April 30

13. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTICES

14. ADJOURNMENT

Action: Motion to adjourn made by Tamara Flanagan, seconded by Bill Murray

- The meeting adjourned at 9:13 PM